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Men and HIV in sub-Saharan Africa – progress and possibilities

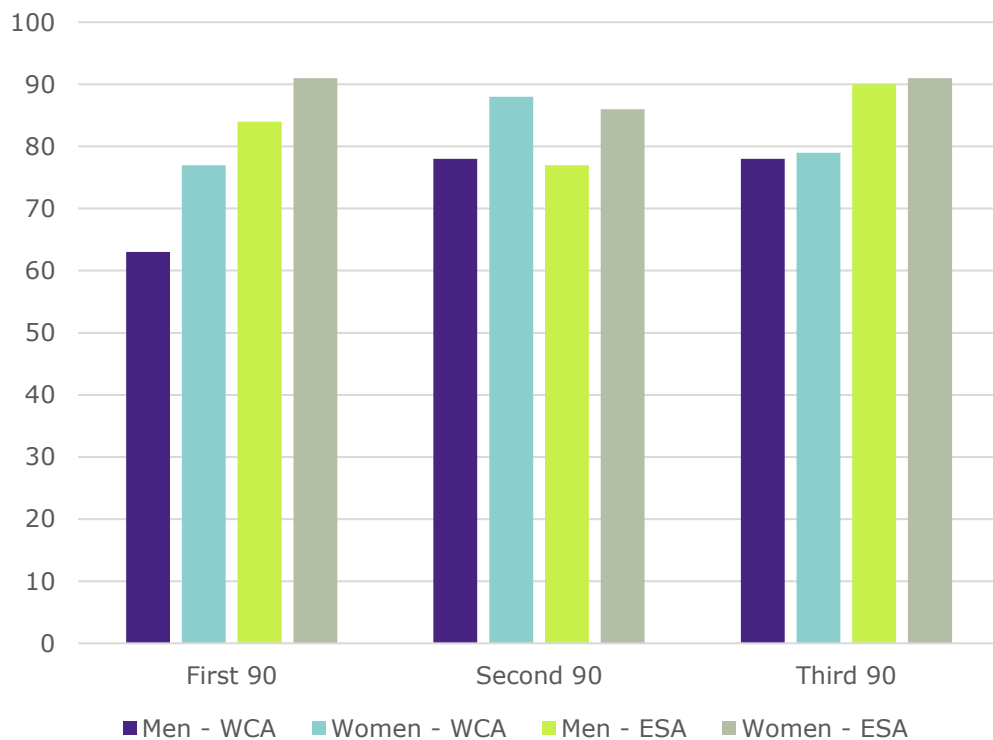
Men and HIV in sub-Saharan Africa: Men as patients, peers in service delivery and healthcare providers

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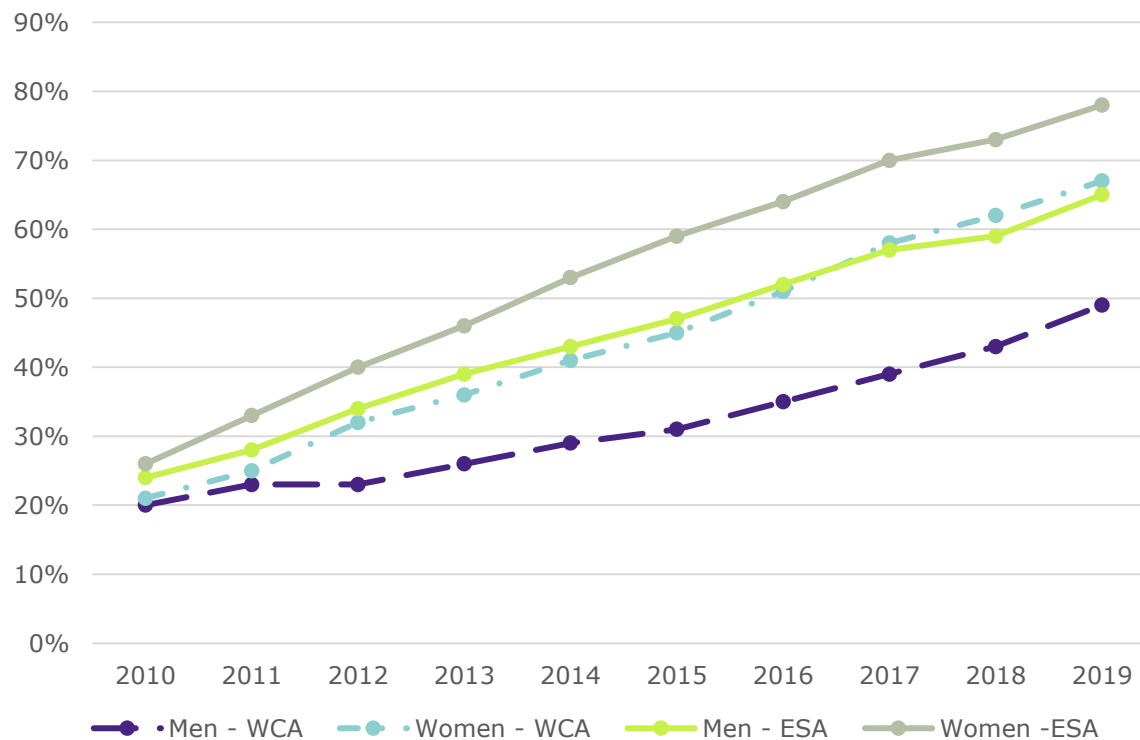
World Health Organization (WHO), Switzerland

It is not mirage- the gender gap is real

Progress towards 90-90-90 as of the end of 2019 in West and Central Africa (WCA) and Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA), by sex



Coverage of people receiving ART 2010-2019 in WCA and ESA, by sex



More than 700 000 men aged 35–49 years in sub-Saharan Africa are unaware of their HIV status

Trends in knowledge of HIV status and efficiency of HIV testing services in sub-Saharan Africa, 2000–20: a modelling study using survey and HIV testing programme data

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The largest gap in terms of absolute number of people not knowing their status in sub-Saharan Africa are men aged 35–49 years

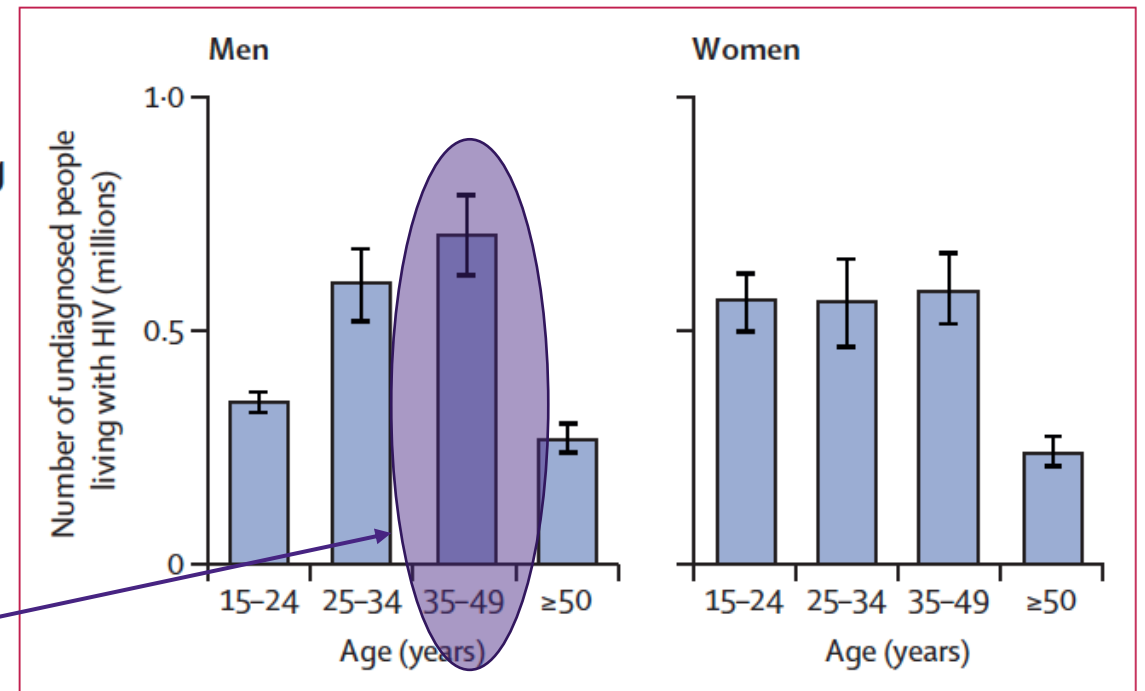


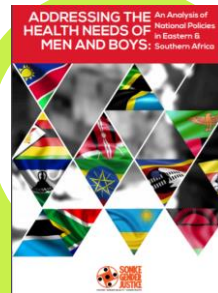
Figure 4: Absolute diagnosis gaps in sub-Saharan Africa, 2020
Vertical lines represent 95% credible intervals.

The challenge of diagnosing and engaging men with HIV in care has remained at the periphery of discussions and decisions



Global policies and strategies

Men are missing in global AIDS strategies, or only included as a way of preventing onward transmission



Country support plans

National strategic plans and policies



Advocacy

Advocating for men seen as being done at the expense of women

Men are often not included and in many instances, completely missing

1. What we see a lot of and deservedly so

60% of global new infections

KPs & their partners

6 in 7 new adolescent infections aged 15- 19 years

AGYW

Child

53% ART coverage

2. What we do not see and undeservedly so?

Despite triple dividend benefits

Boys

Young KPs

Young MSM more vulnerable than older MSM to discrimination, bullying and violence – as well as criminalization

There is a whole other part of the iceberg that is not getting the attention it needs.

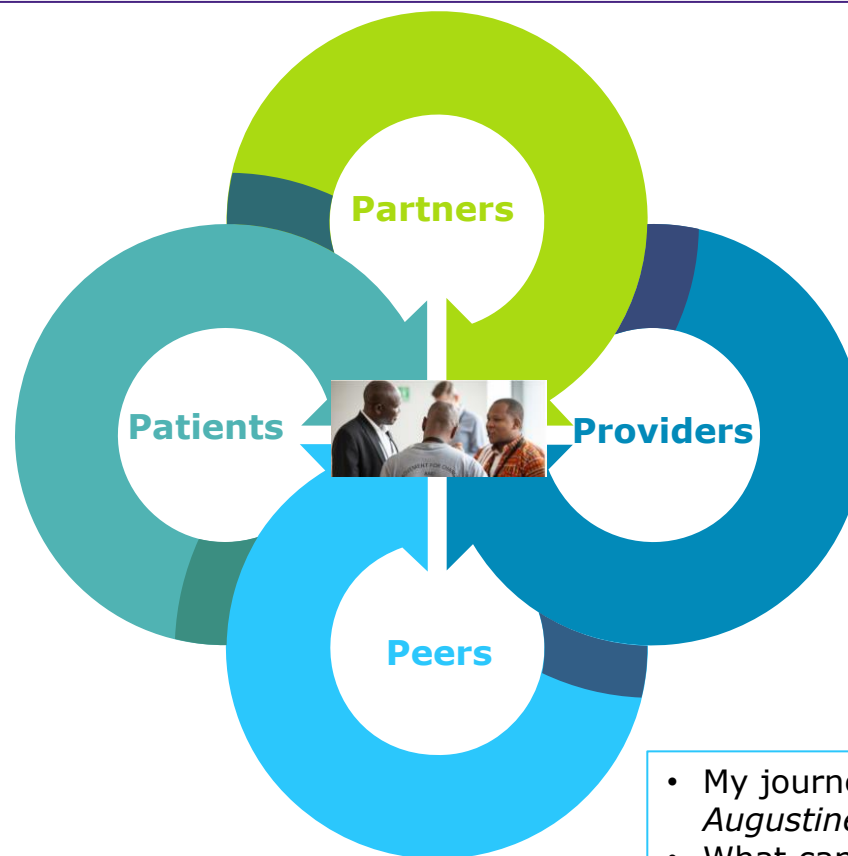
Men

Behind on the 95-95-95, men where they are, how they want and, in their diversity

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